SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I have already replied to it.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—When there is shortage of cement, why is the Government of Karnataka not taking the initiative to start cement factories ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I have already said that Government cannot do everything. We are ready to help with finance from financial institutions and other institutions. Somebody must come forward.

Co-operative Sugar Factory at Mangoti

56. SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA (Holehonnur).—Will the Minister of State for Co-operation be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is a proposal to start a Co-operative Sugar Factory at Mangoti in Bhadravathi ;

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands.

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR (Minister of State for Co-operation).—

(a) 'Yes'.

(b) A Co-operative Sugar Factory under the name Sahyadri Sahakara Sakkare Karkhane Ltd., Shimoga has been Registered on 5th April 1974.

Government of India. has been approached for the licence for setting up a sugar factory.

SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA.—May I know whether it is a fact that the Government of India have issued a licence to Karnataka Industrial Investment Corporation ?

† SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—Yes.

SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA.—When that is the case what are the reasons for the delay in starting the sugar factory ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—The Karnataka Industrial Investment Corporation has decided not to have a sugar factory in Shimoga. Therefore they wanted to transfer that licence to Sahyadri Sakkare Kharkane, Shimoga and we have submitted the application to the Government of India for transfer from KSIIDC to Sahyadri Sakkare Kharkane and it is pending.

SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA.—How long will it take to get the licence ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—This is a matter between the Government of India and the State Government. We are in correspondence with them. We have reminded them and we are waiting for their reply.

SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA.—How many sugar factories are there in the State and out of them how many are in co-operative sector ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—I want notice. I cannot say off hand.

SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA.—Who are all on the Board of Directors for the Sahyadri Sakkare Kharkane ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—The Chairman is Sri T. V. Chandrasekhar M. P. 9 Directors from the Sugar Cane Growers, 1 from the non-producers, one representative of Co-operative Society and 3 nominees of Government and one representative of financing agency.

SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA.—May I know whether the Government is aware that sugar cane growers are put to a lot of difficulties and therefore I request you to take personal interest to start this factory early ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—There is already the Tungabhadra Sugar Factory working. Two more factories are going to come up. The Mysore Paper Mills is thinking of starting one and Sahyadri Sakkare Kharkane will be starting one factory. The sugarcane growers will be benefitted by these factories.

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SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—I require notice.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—What is the criteria that is required for starting this co-operative sugar factory and may I know whether they will encourage such co-operative sugar factories in the state ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—There is the Government of India announcement to the effect that they are not going to encourage starting new factories in the next Plan. Even if we ask I do not think it is possible to get licence in the future. Here, in this case there was already licence and we want to get it transferred. But there is no possibility to get fresh licence because there is excess production in sugar and there is no foreign market.

MR. SPEAKER.—Next question of No. 96. the hon'ble Chief Minister is not present to day.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—It is highly objectionable that the ministers are not present.

MR. SPEAKER.—I withhold question No. 96. The Chief Minister has requested me that this question may be withheld for today because he is indisposed.